

## Younger Set Has Gayest Day and Eve of Holiday Season

Dances, Dinners and Theater Parties Given for Debutantes; Miss Marion Carroll Guest at Large Affair

Dances and receptions, luncheons, dinners and theater parties crowded yesterday's social program for the younger set and made the day one of the gayest of the holiday season. Among the most interesting entertainments was the dance given by Mrs. Henry Leillard Cammann and Mrs. William C. Browning at the Colony Club last evening for Miss Marion Carroll, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradish Johnson Carroll. The guests included many of the debutantes and also some of the young married set. Dancing was general throughout the evening and was followed by a seated supper. Before the dance Miss Ruth Ogden entertained at dinner for Miss Carroll.

Mrs. Marion MacMillan gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 270 Park Avenue, for Miss Isabel MacMillan, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson MacMillan, of Darlington, S. C. J. J. Receiving with Mrs. MacMillan and the debutante were Miss Florence Glendenin, Miss Katherine Parsons, Miss Marie Jonney, Miss Vera Kohler, Miss Nathalie Hanna, Miss Ruth Engle and Ivor O'Connor. The reception was followed by a dinner and formal dance.

Miss Louise M. Morrill gave a largely attended reception at the St. Regis to introduce her niece, Miss Elsie Morrill. It was held in the Louis XVI room, and receiving with Miss Morrill and the debutante were the Misses Beatrice Beard, Virginia Perry, Kathryn T. Sayback, Laura Mabon, Blossom Gray, Ella Peabody and Helen Church. The reception was followed by a dinner party at Miss Morrill's home, 6 East Sixty-seventh Street, after which she took her guests to see "The Little Blue Devil" and later to Miss Marion Carroll's dance at the Colony Club.

Mrs. William H. Hays gave a reception at her home, 270 Park Avenue, yesterday afternoon at which she presented her daughter, Miss Elsie Sanders Hays. Receiving with Mrs. Hays and the debutante were the Misses Louise Morris, Jane Hurd, Edith Hodgman, Ada Trapp and Helen Gould. After dinner Mrs. Hays took her guests to see "The Rose of China" and later to supper in the crystal room at the Ritz-Carlton.

E. Coster Wilmerding gave a Christmas party yesterday afternoon at his home, 19 West Thirty-first Street. The guests included Mrs. Ferdinand Wilmerding, Mr. and Mrs. W. Starr Miller, Miss Edith Miller, Mrs. James Russell Stacy, Mrs. James B. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Gerard, Mrs. Charles H. Coster, Mrs. Ogden Golet, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. and his fiancée, Miss Rachel Littlejohn, Mrs. Nelson Burr, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney Warren, Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop, Miss Muriel Winthrop, Mrs. Reginald Rives, Miss Helen Rives, Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. H. Ripley and R. Thornton Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Marston Seabury gave a dance at their home, 24 West Ninth Street, yesterday afternoon for their daughters, Miss Liane Seabury and Miss Eriqreda Seabury. The guests included many of the younger set.

Mrs. Noel Hamilton Dalton gave a reception yesterday afternoon at her home, 24 Central Park South, to introduce her sister, Miss Cecil Picard, who is engaged to William Dunbar McElhinny. Mr. McElhinny served during the war as a lieutenant in the United States Air Service and is now in the U. S. Army. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Leon

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## Her Engagement Announced



Miss Maud Bush

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving T. Bush, of 28 East Sixty-fourth Street and Irvington-on-Hudson, who yesterday announced her engagement to Arthur Lincoln McElroy, son of Mrs. Daniel S. McElroy, of Irvington. Miss Bush is a member of the younger set, and during the war devoted all her time to Red Cross and charity work. Mr. McElroy is an ensign in the navy. No date has been set for the wedding.

Rushton Peabody. The wedding will take place at her home, 569 Park Avenue. Mrs. Sims is a daughter of honor, and Mrs. Samuel McAfee Magoffin, of Kentucky and St. Paul, and a grand-daughter of Beriah Magoffin, the war Governor of Kentucky, and also a great-granddaughter of Isaac Shelby, that state's first Governor. On her mother's side she is a descendant of the Rogers, Clay and Williams families, and also of Thomas Dudley, a Colonial Governor of Massachusetts. Mr. Peabody's family comes from Boston.

At a luncheon given yesterday at the Essex County Country Club, Orange, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. William W. Trapp, of South Orange, announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Constance Alene Trapp, to Charles Thomas Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henry, of Brooklyn.

In the Church of the Transfiguration yesterday afternoon Miss Edith H. Draper, daughter of John Robertson Draper, of Centereport, Long Island, was married to James Van Alst. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Leon

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## France Ready to Modify Rules on Removal of Dead

Permission to Exhume Bodies of U. S. Soldiers Expected When Right Is Given to French Families

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The belief the French National Assembly will modify soon the present ministerial decree prohibiting the removal of bodies from the battle areas of France for a period of three years may be expressed in a cablegram received by the War Department to-day from General W. D.

Connor, commanding officer of the American forces in France.

General Connor's message said he had been advised by the French Minister of the Interior that the United States government could remove immediately bodies of American soldiers buried outside of the zone of the armies, but permission to exhume the bodies in the battle area was withheld until similar permission is extended to the families of French dead.

Secretary of War Baker to-day authorized the following statement, based on information received from General Connor: "The commanding general, American forces in France, cables to the War Department the French Minister of the Interior, on behalf of the council of ministers, has authorized the removal and shipment of bodies of American soldiers buried in France outside the old zone of the armies, but that pending the grouping and identification of bodies of French dead the French gov-

ernment has forbidden the removal of bodies of French soldiers from the old zone of the armies and therefore is unwilling to authorize the exhumation and removal of American dead from the old zone of the armies, so long as such privilege cannot be extended to families of French dead.

"General Connor's cable adds he is confident the present ministerial decree prohibiting the removal of bodies from the old zone of the armies for a period of three years may be modified by the French Parliament so as to permit removals at an earlier date."

**Bureau of Soldiers' Personal Effects Is Moved to Hoboken**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Notice was issued to-day by the War Department of the removal of the effects bureau of the Port of Embarkation from 537 Greenwich Street, New York City, to Pier 2, Hoboken, N. J. The department requests that all mail for this bureau, which handles the property of deceased soldiers and returns all personal effects to families of men who died in the service, be hereafter addressed to Hoboken.

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## New Yorker Invents Plane With Contractible Wings

Novel Aircraft Will Enter Reliability Contests To Be Staged in England

An airplane with contractible wings, invented by John Arthur Weis, of 52 West Sixty-fifth Street, will be flown in the reliability competitions in England for prizes offered by the British government. The machine has been patented in England and this country, and has been officially passed upon by the British government.

The airplane is being constructed at the Falcon Works in Loughborough, England. The novel construction lies in the arrangement of the wings. They can be folded up close to the fuselage by turning a handle in the pilot's cockpit. This folding arrangement is secured in the same manner as the ordinary deck telephone extends or contracts on its extension arm. The difference is that when the wings of the Weis airplane are extended they automatically lock into position. With such a machine it will be possible to store fifty or more airplanes on a battleship.

Mr. Weis said yesterday that with the contractible wings his airplane will stop in a shorter distance than any other, and also that it will take the air more quickly. The British government has offered a large prize for the airplane that will do these two things in the shortest possible time and it is this prize for which Mr. Weis will compete early next year.

**Mexican Mission Arrives**  
Professor Leopoldo Rodriguez Calderon, director of the Professors' Normal School in Mexico City, reached New York yesterday with other Mexican educators. They were appointed as a commission to study American methods of curing for the feeble-minded. After inspecting institutions in this city they will visit Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Chicago, returning to Mexico in three months to establish a government school for mental defectives.

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